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## Newark Firm Offers Employment To Men At This Hospital

If there are any men at this Hospital who have had experience in the making or fitting of lighting fixtures, they should be interested in the letter sent to the Commanding Officer by the F. Storsberg Company, 20-24 Atlantic street, Newark, N. J.

The letter says:

"It occurs to us that we may be of possible assistance in furnishing employment to some of your men who have been former workers in our, or similar, lines, and we give you herewith requirements in our various departments:

"Chandelier maker and bench hand—Man who has been experienced in work on small brass parts, such as filing, soldering, fitting, brazing, and chasing brass castings.

"Filer—Man accustomed to file brass castings and possibly do some chasing on same.

"Inside fitter—Man accustomed to wiring up chandeliers, taking apart and putting together electric sockets, etc., (man could readily learn this work within two or three weeks' time)."

Any men who are interested should see Capt. Arthur H. Estabrook, Chief Educational Officer, at the School.

### PATIENT-OFFICERS' DANCE

A very pleasant evening was spent at the K. of C. building during the course of the entertainment given by the Patient-Officers to the nurses, aides, staff officers and a few invited guests. The hall was very tastefully decorated with streamers of crepe paper in the pastel shades strung from the rafters, each streamer being decorated with autumn leaves and birds, producing a very pretty effect. The twenty drop lights were encased in bird cages, with blue birds attached to same. The whole decorative scheme was a tribute to the originality and creative genius of Mrs. Carlin Philips who arranged the effect in such an artistic manner that it won the admiration of all the guests. Lieuts. Hopper and Smith, of the patient-officers, acted as a committee on arrangements. O'Brien's orchestra discoursed the music during the dancing. Refreshments in the nature of punch, the concoction of Sgt. M. Christinos, the mess sergeant of the officers' mess, and vanilla custard ice cream with French pastry were served during the course of the evening.

Miss De Friez, assistant to the Chief Nurse, has been honorably discharged from the A. N. C., and has returned to her home in New York.



RADIO CLASS and CODE CLASS AT THE SCHOOL

—Photo by Corporal E. A. Dahlheimer.

Miss Rickard, Instructor; Joseph Kealey, center, and Frank Alcala, right foreground. The radio class makes a special appeal to men who have lost an arm. Both students shown in the picture have lost their right arms and are shown in the act of using pencils with their left.

## Welfare Organizations Active As Shown by Latest Report

An idea of the large number of entertainments offered on the Post is given in the report, from August 10th to September 10th, submitted by Philip Heusel, Associate Field Director of the Red Cross in charge of entertainments. His report includes the activities of the J. W. B., the Y. M. C. A., the K. of C., the Red Cross and the Nurses' Recreation Club.

The number and nature of the offerings of the welfare societies, together with the total attendance, follows:

Entertainments, 18, attendance, 8,400; movie shows, 29, attendance, 11,800; vaudeville, 16, attendance, 9,700; dances, 13, attendance, 4,450; receptions 2, attendance, 400; teas and socials, 26, attendance, 490; ward entertainments, 15, attendance, 1,515; outside parties, 48, attendance, 1,785; outdoor shows, 1, attendance, 1,500; baseball games, 13, attendance, 12,900; field days, 1, attendance, 1,500; boxing and wrestling performances, 9, attendance, 8,200; orchestra rehearsals and performances, 63; bathing parties, attendance, 362; community sings, 11, attendance, 4,400; number playing pool, 895; music lessons given, 161; reconstruction contests, 20, attendance, 4,800.

Sgt. John Gillies, mess sergeant in the patients' kitchen, was honorably discharged Monday. He departed for New York, where he will be associated with the American Cooked Food Company.

Sgt. Harry Shoaf has succeeded Sgt. Gillies in the patients' kitchen.

### SEEK RECRUITS FOR A. E. F.

The following telegram from the Surgeon General's Office is quoted for the information and guidance of all concerned:

To the Commanding Officer, U. S. A. General Hospital, No. 3, Colonia, N. J.:

No. 451 Circular 415, War Department, September 6, 1919, authorizes resumption of enlistments in the Medical Department for the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe. The following conditions must be fulfilled: Only white men will be enlisted; enlistment may be for period of one or three years provided that no man shall be enlisted for one year who has not had previous military service with the Federal Government; men eligible for discharge and re-enlistment under existing instructions may be re-enlisted and such men will not be retained in their present duties but will be forwarded at once or upon expiration of re-enlistment furloughs to the overseas replacement depot Camp Meade, Md.; non-commissioned officers will not be re-enlisted under this authority with their warrants continued but may be re-enlisted as privates. Notation will be made on enlistment papers and service records as follows: "Enlisted with view to service with American Expeditionary Forces in Europe." Men re-enlisted under this authority may be granted re-enlistment furloughs under paragraph 6, Circular 113, War Department. Immediate publicity will be given Circular 415 and vigorous recruiting instituted for this service overseas.

### IRELAND.

Men wishing to re-enlist for this service will apply to Captain Boale, Camp Recruiting Officer.

## Baseball Players Close Big Season With Good Record

The Hospital baseball team closed its 1919 season Sunday afternoon, September 14, by defeating the fast Belgian nine from Paterson, 5 to 1.

A summary of the season shows that the team won 30 games, lost 13 and tied one. The season percentage is .682.

Those who have been at the Hospital during the last few months will never forget the many splendid contests played on the perfectly equipped athletic field built with funds supplied through the kindness of the Mercy Committee of New Jersey. The grand-stand has been well filled at practically all games while the special runway erected for the use of wheel-chair patients has been in constant use.

The Hospital personnel owes a special vote of thanks to the men who qualified for the team and who gave up practically all their holidays in order that the baseball schedule might be a success. Since Saturdays and Sundays were the favorite days for games, it is easy to see that the players had few days away from the Post. They are entitled to our heartiest thanks, both for the splendid work they did as members of the team and also for the splendid spirit in which they gave their time in order that the team might be a success.

During the last few weeks several of the best players have been discharged from the Army and the result has been several defeats which would not have occurred had the team remained intact. The spirit of the organization never faltered, however, and there has never been a time that the team did not give its best efforts.

The men who made the team a success are:

Players—Cpl. Thos. Barker, Pvt. 1cl John A. Witt, Pvt. 1cl Harry W. Gardner, Pvt. 1cl Grover C. McCartney, Pvt. 1cl Delbert A. Fetty, Pvt. 1cl Warren P. Heiner, Sgt. Richard Cunningham, Pvt. Matthew Petronis, Pvt. Duryea, Pvt. Francis Ward, Pvt. Gowans, Pvt. Harris, Pvt. Heine, Sgt. O'Donnell, Pvt. Breunninger, Sgt. 1cl Ernest W. Picard, Pvt. Dean, Pvt. Druck.

Managers and Coaches—Captain Buck, Lieut. Chapman, Secretary Wilson, of the Y. M. C. A., and Captain Philip Heusel, of the Red Cross.

Scorekeepers—Sgt. 1cl Harold A. Leigh and Pvt. Harry T. Davis.

Umpires—Pvt. Milligan, Lieut. Shamansky and Lieut. Diekman.

Caretakers of Grounds—Major Sellers and Hosp. Sgt. Durning.

Captain Heusel has been active ever since last spring in conducting the affairs of the team. His energy



has been largely responsible for the fine schedule of games and he has been willing, at all times, to devote his time to the cause. Captain Buck served as manager and Athletic Officer for several weeks during the heavy part of the schedule and got the best of results. Lieut. Chapman succeeded Captain Buck and showed his ability to carry on the work and keep the team going at top speed although the granting of discharges was breaking up the team.

#### Split Dorf, 4; Colonia, 3.

The Hospital nine went down to defeat September 9, before the fast Split Dorf team from Newark by the score of 4 to 3. The local nine started the run getting in the first, when they shoved two tallies across the platter, but the opposing batters went ahead in the sixth and were never headed.

A squeeze play executed right on several occasions during the game would have spelled victory for the home nine, but it was never worked. Hefner pitched fine ball, allowing ten hits, but keeping them scattered with the exception of one inning. This makes five games that the Colonia nine has lost by one run, and Hefner has been on the slab on four of these occasions.

Cunningham connected for a home run in the first, and later came through with two singles.

Split Dorf ..... 0 1 0 0 0 2 0 1 0—4  
Colonia ..... 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—3

#### Prudential, 7; Colonia, 5.

For the first time this season September 10, the Hospital nine lost two games in succession. After having the game postponed four times on account of rain, the Prudential nine finally picked out a good day.

The visitors opened up with three runs in the first and another in the second. In the fourth the local nine succeeded in tying the score, but a combination of errors and singles in the eighth and last stanzas put the Newark nine ahead. In the last half of the ninth Fetty opened up with a home run, and for a few minutes the spectators had visions of a victory. Petronis singled but a fast double play shattered all hopes.

#### COLONIA

	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Ward, ss	0	1	0	0	1
Hefner, 3b	0	0	1	7	1
Cunningham, 1b	0	0	11	0	1
Fetty, c	1	1	11	2	0
Petronis, 2b	2	1	1	2	2
Duryea, lf	1	0	1	1	0
Picard, cf	1	2	1	0	0
Gowans, p	0	0	1	2	0
Druck, rf	0	0	0	0	0
	5	5	27	14	5

#### PRUDENTIAL

	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Waters, 3b	0	1	1	1	1
McLaughlin, cf	2	1	0	0	0
Vidt, 2b	1	1	6	6	0
McCracken, 1b	1	1	12	1	0
Haberbush, ss	2	2	2	3	1
McKeith, c	0	0	4	0	0
Newschwande, rf	0	1	1	0	0
Baer, lf	0	1	1	0	0
Spencer, p	1	2	0	2	0
	7	10	27	13	2

Prudential ..... 3 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 2—7  
Colonia ..... 0 1 0 3 0 0 0 0 1—5

Two base hits, Newschwande; home runs, Fetty, Picard; sacrifice hits, Hefner; stolen bases, Petronis

2, Duryea, McLaughlin 2, Haberbush 2, McCracken; double plays, Haberbush, Vidt to McCracken; struck out, by Gowans 11, Spencer 4; base on balls, off Gowans 1, Spencer 3.

#### Raritan Copper Works, 2; Colonia, 1.

For the third time in as many days, the Hospital nine went down to defeat September 11. The local nine stacked up against the strong team from the Raritan Copper Works at the Athletic Field and battled eleven innings, finally being defeated by the score of 2 to 1. It was an interesting game throughout, both twirlers pitching airtight ball, and but for an error in the last inning which let in the winning run, the contest would probably have remained a tie.

A southpaw seems to be a jinx to the home nine. In the last three games, a southpaw has faced the Hospital batters and they have been unable to fathom their deliveries.

Hefner twirled excellent ball, allowing the opposing sluggers but three safe hits, but his teammates were weak on the offensive. This is his second game in three days that he has lost by one run, and surely deserves a better fate.

#### COLONIA

	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Ward, ss	1	1	0	7	2
Hefner, p	0	1	4	6	0
Cunningham, 1b	0	2	18	0	0
Fetty, c	0	0	5	0	0
Petronis, 2b	0	0	1	5	2
Duryea, lf	0	0	1	0	0
Picard, cf	0	0	2	0	0
Gowans, 3b	0	0	2	1	1
Harris, rf	0	1	0	0	0
	1	5	33	19	5

#### RARITAN COPPER WORKS

	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Lasser, lf	0	0	2	0	0
Christorpherson, 3b	1	0	1	3	0
Eagan, 2b	1	1	3	7	2
Stintson, ss	0	1	1	2	1
Soo, p	0	0	2	7	0
Hornsby, 1b	0	0	12	0	1
Halbert, rf	0	1	0	0	0
Foster, cf	0	0	1	1	0
Van Gilder, c	0	0	10	2	0
	2	3	32	22	4

\*Hefner out; bunted on third strike.

Raritan ..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1—2  
Colonia ..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1

Two base hits; Harris, Eagan, stolen bases, Petronis 2, Gowans, Eagan 2, Stintson, Hornsby; sacrifice hits, Eagan, Foster, Hefner, Cunningham, Gowans; double plays, Foster, Soo, Christorpherson to Van Gilder; struck out, by Hefner 5, Soo 8; base on balls, off Hefner 2, Soo 4.

#### Tidewater Oil Co., 14; Colonia 5

The local nine lost their fourth straight game when they went down to defeat before the Tidewater Oil Co., nine by the score of 14 to 5, September 13.

Another southpaw faced them, and as usual, they could not solve his deliveries. In the last half of the third the Hospital sluggers succeeded in tying the score, when they shoved four runs across the platter, but from then on, the opposing nine simply walked away from them.

The score:

Tidewater Co. .... 1 0 3 2 5 3 0 0 0—14  
Colonia ..... 0 0 4 0 0 0 0 1 0—5

#### Colonia, 5; Belgian, 1.

The baseball season ended for the

Hospital nine Sunday afternoon, September 14, when they played the Belgian team from Paterson. The local team was on the long end of a 5 to 1 score, breaking their losing streak of four games.

Hefner twirled his fourth game in a week, and held the opposing batters to three hits. The visitors scored a run in the first on a three bagger and an error, but Hefner tightened up and was never in danger thereafter. He also connected for two of the five hits that the locals made, and scored two of the runs.

#### COLONIA

	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Ward, ss	1	1	1	5	2
Hefner, p	2	2	1	3	0
Cunningham, 1b	0	0	16	0	1
Fetty, c	1	1	4	0	0
Petronis, 2b	0	0	4	3	1
Picard, cf	0	0	1	0	0
Duryea, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Gowans, 3b	1	0	0	0	0
Harris, rf	0	1	0	0	0
	5	5	7	16	4

#### GALLEY TWO—OVER HERE. .7.

#### BELGIAN

	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
F. Verrars, ss	1	2	1	2	3
P. Verrars, 3b	0	0	2	6	0
Steele, 2b	0	0	1	3	3
Van Hark, c	0	0	7	2	0
F. Brock, lf	0	0	1	0	0
M. Brock, p	0	0	0	3	0
Buck, 1b	0	1	11	0	0
D. Verrars, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Klaus, cf	0	0	0	1	1
	1	3	24	17	7

Colonia ..... 1 0 0 0 0 2 2 0 x—5  
Belgian ..... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1

Two base hits, Ward, Harris; three base hits, F. Verrars; sacrifice hits, Ward, Cunningham; double plays, Gowans, Petronis to Cunningham; struck out, by Hefner 4, Brock 4, Brock 3; base on balls, off Hefner 2, Brock 3; hit by pitcher, Gowans, Ward.

#### RED CROSS

Major Edward S. Macy, formerly of the Red Cross Staff at this Post, has returned from overseas duty and has been assigned to General Hospital, No. 31, at Carlisle, Pa.

Captain Culin, Associate Field Director, assisted in the home-coming celebration held Saturday at Cranford, N. J.

A new ruling, posted last week, says that the Red Cross House will not open before 10 in the morning and will close at 9 p. m.

James J. Wilson, formerly of the 58th Artillery, has joined the local Red Cross staff with the rank of captain, and is attached to the Federal Vocational Board, as an assistant to Mr. Ottison. He served a year with the A. E. F. having been stationed in the Toul sector. He was engaged in Red Cross work at Camp Upton before coming to this Post. Mr. Wilson was a sergeant while with the artillery and after the signing of the armistice he lectured at the A. E. F. schools on government and history, while awaiting sailing orders. He joined the Red Cross immediately after being demobilized.

Sergeant Maximoff will never be the same again. While a patient in Ward 6, he was caught in the act of making a bead chain.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of OVER HERE:

Some one living here at Oak Tree, I believe, writes me that an inquiry was sent to OVER HERE regarding the admission of would-be welfare workers and canteen workers to the wards of the Hospital (U. S. A. General Hospital, No. 3), having read one of the weekly articles of the National League for Woman's Service Canteen in which the statement was made that the workers go to the wards in the afternoons visiting the patients and having a social hour or two with them. This letter was evasively answered by your paper to the effect that anonymous communications were never replied to.

The officers of the Mercy Committee believe that the orders of the military physicians regarding diet and care of the patients, in their efforts to restore them to health, should be just as carefully respected, if not more so, as the orders of the physicians in our civilian hospitals (which no one dares to flout) and we have worked very earnestly although not always successfully, in our attempt to have these orders obeyed.

Now, of course, you know these orders about visiting the wards, and as in publishing this canteen article you have apparently disregarded them or considered them of no moment, will you kindly publish them, as if they still exist they are no secret. The appearance of the orders in OVER HERE will greatly help me in the position I have always taken with the members of the Mercy Committee who believe in obeying the military authorities just as if they were the best sort of soldiers themselves.

Very truly yours,

E. T. FREEMAN,  
President, Mercy Committee.

The following regulations must be complied with by those who wish to visit men in the Wards:

The visitor must call at the Information Department in the Receiving Ward where a pass to the Red Cross House will be issued. In the Red Cross House the visitor must tell the name of the patient who is to be visited. The Red Cross worker, in charge of the work, will then ascertain the ward in which the patient is to be found and will then issue a pass entitling the visitor to call upon the particular patient whose name is specified in the pass. This prevents indiscriminate visiting from bed to bed although it does not prevent a visitor from calling on several patients, provided a separate pass is written for each patient. The visiting hours are from 1.30 p. m. to 4.30 p. m., and passes will not be issued for other hours.—The Editor.

#### PROMOTIONS.

The following promotions in the Detachment, Medical Department, this hospital, are announced. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

To be Sergeant 1st Class: Sgt. Clarence E. Woodruff.

To be Sergeants: Corp. Charles Ellenberger, Corp. John G. Flack.

To be Corporals: Pvt. 1cl Loyal D. Carlson, Pvt. 1cl Harry T. Davis, Pvt. 1cl William G. Nolan.

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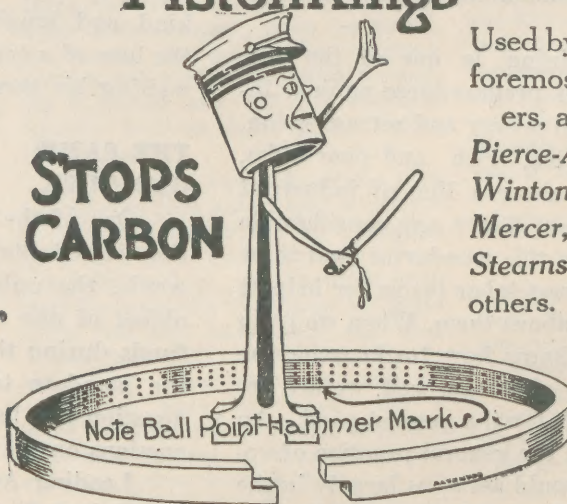
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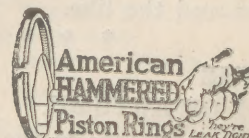
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**RATIONAL  
PREPAREDNESS.**

It is estimated that each year nearly a million young Americans enter industrial life. Eight out of every ten people must enter the industrial life in some of its manifold phases.

What am I to do? is a serious question for the young man and young woman of this country. Preparation for this most important event in the life of the individual is of a paramount importance. Pity the army of the unprepared, that multitude which throngs to the gateway of industrial endeavor eager but untrained, handicapped, perhaps wholly helpless!

The old cry in the desert places was, "Unclean!" Today, all too often, it is, "Untrained!" It is a sad and ominous cry. The national industries, all business, need trained hands and brains. Down below, in the ditches, in the fields of common labor, always there are too many.

Vocational training is one of the best methods of national preparedness against individual and general misery and retrogression. The youth of America, rich and poor alike, should be trained along a line of industrial usefulness. We do not desire any considerable number of people in this wonderful land to be clamoring from lowest labor levels for help at the hands of those above them. When we train boys and girls to know how to do some one thing, or a number of things, well, we are doing a valuable work for the general good. An adopted policy and the general practice of vocational training would assist us largely in the future in the avoidance of such social problems as the high cost of living, housing, labor unrest and the like.

**ON THE  
EDGE OF AUTUMN.**

Again we are in the twilight zone 'twixt summer and autumn. Soon the days and night will be on a parity of time but only for a little space. Then the shadows of the sea-

son will impinge gradually on the light. They will take their farthestmost post late in December and recede as they advanced till it is fifty-fifty once more after the ides of March.

Here and there among the beds the flowers are losing their luster. The green of the trees is shot through with drab and brown. Dead leaves are falling and rustling in the breeze. The corn fields are not what they were in verdure. The voices of their waving stalks are growing harsher.

In the air hangs the haze of autumn smoke. Birds are not so clearly limned against the skies and not so joyous in their flight, save those that like the tang that heralds a coming winter. Rabbits grow furtive in the crackling forage. Squirrels have an added concern for the winter's hoard. The partridge is trying out his wings with greater zeal and seeking where the coverts may be found against his potential human foe. Oak, ash, poplar, maple, dogwood, sumac—all these and more are ready for the splendor that is to be theirs before they merge themselves in the wide-flung gray of winter.

It has been a wonderful summer—not too much heat, nor rain nor drought. There have been days of marked splendor and nights of comfort and lunar glory—more of them than most summers bring. It is not easy to give them up for the shorter, perhaps grayer, days of autumn, but there will be compensations in the brilliant pageant of color flung along the woods and over the fields.

It is not for the seasons to furnish all the joys of living. Something is due from human hearts to bring their own delights to the drama of daily existence. Nature smiles more sweetly as she is smiled upon. Much of her radiance is within herself, but much also is reflected back from the animate figures on the stage. Gray days are only as gray as the mind chooses to make them. Sunlit days are the more luminous as they catch the added rays of human cheer. Summer has been kind and laughing. Autumn beckons with the lure of a smiling nut-brown maid. Winter, waiting his turn, presages no terrors.

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**THE SAME  
OLD TURK.**

One of the most difficult decisions which the United States must make, refers to Armenia, the unhappy country which was the object of one of the numerous "drives" for funds during the war. Shall America accept the mandate to administer Armenia? This question is a hard one to answer and the discussions on the subject show a wide cleavage.

Leading Americans continue to implore the United States to undertake the mandate, while those who are opposed to this action declare that we have problems nearer home which require settlement before we reach out to govern—for that is what it means—the distressed country which has suffered so terribly at the hands of Turkey.

Turkey meanwhile is pursuing her old tactics, both in Armenia and at Constantinople. In Armenia she is still persecuting the

Christians; at the Sublime Porte she is trying, as of old, to play off the great powers one against the other. Only last month the Turkish government sought to make bad blood between the United States and its allies, France and Great Britain. An informal warning to Turkey that the Armenian massacres must cease, given by Rear-Admiral Bristol, commander of our naval forces in Turkey, was magnified by the Ottoman government into a report that the United States had threatened to interfere. Turkey complained to France and Great Britain, and gave the impression that the United States had acted alone in a formal communication. Fortunately the case was easily explained, but it serves to show that in defeat the Turks resort to the same old duplicity.

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**SATISFACTION AND REGRET.**

When on the culminating night,  
All in a blaze of chastened light,  
"Liberty" with upraised hand  
Bid us welcome to our Land,  
I breathed a prayer with reverent head  
And from my heart I softly said,  
"I'm glad I fought for you."

When Mother's kiss fell on my cheek,  
And words were felt we could not speak—  
When, like a load, the bitter past  
Fell from my weary heart at last,  
Burst forth and swept my Soul along—  
This torrent of triumphant song  
"I'm glad I fought for you."

But then there came another phase  
Which drove my thoughts in other ways.  
I saw the cool, relentless sneer  
Which marks the placid profiteer.  
Resentment knocked upon the door  
And spoke as wise men spoke before:  
"I'm sorry I fought for you."

A pampered pet of luxury,  
Dressed in satins, came to me  
Lamenting in a general way  
The prices that she had to pay,  
And seemed to take some real offense  
When I exclaimed in tones intense,  
"I'm sorry I fought for you."

But what care I! The fields are green.  
There's Truth in every rustic scene.  
The meadow land, the hill, the sea,  
America, belong to me,  
And some bright day as seasons roll  
America will find her Soul—  
"I'm glad I fought for her!"

—William V. V. Stephens, 11th Engs., U. S. A.

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The civilian may get more money in the weekly envelope but he doesn't get half as much ceremony as we do on pay day.

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After one has been told "Washington is sending the papers"—followed by a long wait—one wonders if the Father of His Country really has to sign them.



## Making Good

Another instance of an amputation patient who says the loss of an arm is no great handicap, has come to light in a letter received by Miss Mary Turner, R. A., from J. Craig Dixon, formerly of Ward 24. Dixon lost an arm below the shoulder and was sent to this Hospital for treatment.

Here is Dixon's statement of what happened since he left here:

"I took things easy for a time and then bought about 20 acres of hay. I did all of the mowing and raking and loaded most of it on the wagon. I also helped put it in the mow, so by choosing my work I managed to make a 'hand' and save the day as we couldn't hire a man. A few days after the hay was taken care of, I started in selling real estate. I have been working at it a little over two weeks and have made \$400 above expenses. I made about \$600 on the hay, so I figure that is about as good as a man with four hands could do. I do not mean this in a bragging way, but just to show the other fellows they can do something and get by."

### MERCY HOUSE

Mrs. Charles J. Earl, formerly hostess at Mercy House, has returned to the canteen and has resumed her former position as hostess. In this capacity she will have full charge of the canteen and the serving of hundreds of meals each day.

Upon her return, Mrs. Earl was given a warm welcome by her many friends among the volunteer workers and the patrons of Mercy House.

Mercy House established a good record during the month of August by serving 8,800 meals. Considering that all the work in the dining room is voluntary, the record is all the more commendable.

### CHILDREN'S PARTY

The Nurses, Aides, Dietitians and Technicians enjoyed themselves Friday night at a "children's party" given in the Recreation House. Since it was strictly a feminine gathering it is useless to expect a detailed description of the costumes or the program. From various sources it has been learned, however, that the guests at the party entered into the spirit of the occasion with juvenile enthusiasm and that it was a great success. Miss Eva May Sutton, A. N. C., won first prize, and Mrs. Christian, Aide, won second. The party was arranged by Miss Theodosia Cox, social secretary.

Forty-five Nurses and Aides will be taken to Chinatown, New York, tomorrow by the War Camp Community Service.

The Educational and Occupational Aides gave a reception Wednesday night at the Recreation House in honor of Miss Evelyn Carter, chief head aide of the Educational Service. It was attended by staff officers, patient officers and representatives of Physical Therapy and the Nurses' Corps. Japanese decorations were used.

Miss Margaret Knierim, Chief Nurse, was the honored guest Thursday night at a reception given in the Recreation Club by members of the Nurses' Corps. It was attended by officers, patient officers and Occupational, Educational and Physical Therapy Aides. A program of music and dancing was enjoyed.

## \* \* \* \* \* \* NATIONAL SERVICE CANTEEN \* \* \* \* \* \*

Among the assistants at the Canteen this week are the Misses Johnson, Reed and Boyd, of South Orange; the Misses Fiske, of Bernardsville, N. J.; Miss King and Miss Woodruff, of East Orange; Miss Wylly and Mrs. Johnston, of East Orange; Miss Avery, of Plainfield, and Miss Castle, of Long Valley.

The indoor field meet held at the Canteen Friday night was a great success. They were many odd numbers which aroused the laughter of the participants and also the spectators. The two Texans—Barden and Palmquist—were the stars and won several prizes. Tex Barden won the standing broad grin, the hungry blind, and the handkerchief throw. Palmquist was first in the tug-of-war and also demolished a great amount of food which was served at the close of the program. Miss Johnson won the whistling contest; Miss King the scent push, and Grimm the pot shoot. Sergeants Calhoun and Hirscher were captains of the opposing teams. Corporal Henry was the judge.



SGT. EDWARD S. BESSMAN  
Advertising Manager

—Photo by Corporal E. A. Dahlheimer.

Over Here said farewell this week to a member of the staff who for ten long months has kept the sheriff from our door—Sergeant Bessman, advertising manager, business manager, financial representative, et cetera. It has been no easy task, this paying the weekly bills of an expensive little publication. The paper has received no donations nor outside support of any kind and it is given free to all at the Post. Hence its entire revenue was derived from the advertising columns. The fact that Sergeant Bessman has always kept the paper self-supporting is, in itself, a tribute to his faithfulness and ability. He has returned to civilian life and his insurance and real estate office in Newark. The staff of Over Here as well as Sergeant Bessman's many friends at the Post, wish him the best of luck. His place as advertising manager has been taken by Corporal Pat S. Lester, a patient at this Hospital.

## Why I Back The Legion

By THEODORE ROOSEVELT, JR.

The American Legion is the spontaneous growth of the sentiments of the service men; its creed represents the thought of all; it is essentially a civilian organization; it is concerned primarily with the welfare of the United States and of its individual members. Among the thousands who aided in the early stages of its organization, there was absolute accord in the following principles:

First, the organization should be non-partisan, concerning itself possibly with policies, but never with partisan politics. Second, its membership should be composed of service men and women regardless of whether they served overseas or were unfortunate enough to have their duty keep them in this country. Third, it should be really civilian and its councils, general and private, admiral and gob would be treated on the same basis.

Through all of its actions, the doctrine of Americanism stands foremost. By it, the impulses of patriotism generated in the great war will be crystallized and preserved for the future good of the nation. Its fields of useful activity are bounded only by the desires of its members.

There has been much talk about the Bolsheviks, the I. W. W. and the Red Flag socialists. Many people have expressed fears concerning the attitude of our army or these menaces. There is no need for such fear. The strongest bulwark this country can have against lawless anarchy is the society composed of service men. The service man, having given up himself to the country, intends to see that this country which he loves comes to no harm.

It has been the policy of the American Legion, wherever I have come in contact with it, to play the game with all the cards on the table. The service man will not tolerate any other form of organization. He wishes, at all times, to be able not only to tell anyone what he is doing, but equally to be able to find out anything that the organization, through some other branch, may be doing. To anyone who knows the American service man this is absolutely normal. He is square and will not associate himself with an organization unless it is square.

The reason I urge all service men not only to join but to take an active part in the affairs of this organization, is that through it they can express themselves. In its ranks they find the men who have done the same trick that they have done, and with whose idea they are thoroughly in sympathy. They can make the organization what they wish, and I have no fear for anything that the organization may do so long as they take an active interest in it.

So far, I have spoken mainly of how the service man can use the organization for himself for the benefit of this country. Of course this benefits him, but there are other more practical methods of helping the service men which the organization is using, or may use if its members so desire. At this time, there is established a re-employment bureau. In addition, there is the War Risk Insurance department for handling

questions of allotments, insurance, etc. In many of the communities club houses are established which will form the meeting places where the thought of the community is interchanged and its opinions crystallized. In addition to these activities which have been organized already, it lies within the power of the Legion to institute a system of benefits for old age, disability, etc., and a legal department, whereby the best legal advice may be available. There would be men to undertake such work as detailed above, not from the point of view of the hired employee serving his employer but rather from the point of view of one comrade helping another comrade.

The history of the actions of the American Legion is as clean as a hound's tooth. For all the statements I have made above there is a guarantee in the action of the caucuses composed of men from every State in the Union, of every creed and race, of every walk of life that you find in the country. In no uncertain terms the St. Louis convention registered itself on the Bolsheviks; in the confession of faith adopted at the Paris caucus the same principles are set forth.

As a member of the American Legion, I feel I am a member of the body which most truly represents one hundred per cent. Americanism.

### K. of C.

Thirteen men of the "Fighting 69th," who are patients at this Hospital, were taken to New York Friday afternoon by Secretary Leo Kieran, of the K. of C's in order that they might attend the regimental reunion held at the Cardinal Farley Club for Soldiers, Sailors and Marines. The boys attended the dinner and also the "talk it over" session which followed. The trip was made in automobiles.

Through the courtesy of Mr. J. F. O'Neill, the State Deputy of the Knights of Columbus, fifty overseas men from the Post were taken to the Kilbane-Burns fight in Jersey City last Tuesday night, and enjoyed themselves immensely during the performance.

Wednesday night the Daughters of Isabella Council from Newark entertained the men on the Post with a dance at the K. of C. building, and a delightful evening was spent.

### DISCHARGED.

The following men of the Detachment, Medical Department, have been honorably discharged:

Sergeants: Edward S. Bessman and John Gillies.

Corporals: John A. Burgener and Edward Mead.

Wagoner: Ralph W. Eben.

Privates First Class: Michael Carltock, James F. Connolly, Saveno Dantaleo, Rocco Pavia, James Spohn, Zigmund Zakowewski, Joseph C. Bruton, Michael Miserendino and Paul R. Rice.

Private: Salvatore Guiffal.

Profiteer—Welcome home, soldier. We want to do everything we possibly can for you boys.

Soldier—Did you say "for" or "to?"



## WHITE STRIPES

A further mark of distinction was recently conferred upon several prominent members of the Surgical Staff by the bestowal of well-merited white service-stripes, in token of their unusual activities in the Operating Pavilion. A short, but rather unique ceremony, of which there had been no official announcement, took place in the hall of the Operating Pavilion, while the recipients, quite unconscious of their coming great distinction, lounged informally against the radiators.

The presentation of the insignia came as a complete surprise to all. Perhaps no one was more impressed by the nature of the occasion than the Chief of the Surgical Service, who was moved to speak at considerable length and with deep personal feeling, on the significance of the white stripe. The ceremony was concluded by a vigorous application of gasoline by all present—and a unanimous vote to have only olive-drab paint on the radiators—another time.

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\* WHAT THEY DID \*  
\* IN CIVIL LIFE \*  
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The gang at the laundry: H. A. Federman, theatrical magnate; H. E. Turner, dyestuff salesman; G. K. De Laune, expert package wrapper; J. J. Marburger, laundryman; F. Bimmerman, insurance solicitor; S. Andreas, tonsorial artist; H. A. Strause, machinist; S. Avolio, glass blower; G. Allesondrine, custom tailor; J. Becker, retail confectioner; A. L. Behanna, farmer; E. C. Dunn, electrician; P. Fleckman, produce specialist; F. Gibbons, tire inspector; C. Gerardo, laborer; W. Hoffman, designer; G. Honold, brewer; S. Hodge, riveter; M. Kramer, clothing salesman; W. Mathais, auto mechanic; D. L. Rupert, agriculturist; P. Reinard, landscape gardener; R. Schneider, typist; H. Snyder, hotel proprietor; F. J. Ward, actor; F. Benikowski, "mixer;" J. Brock, grocer; H. Dyer, cloak maker; H. Edwards, gentleman farmer; G. Farino, artist; R. B. Hunt, deputy sheriff; J. Michaels, chauffeur; G. Morris, laundryman; R. Koplow, scientist; H. Fisher, painter; F. A. Greene, bookkeeper; L. Glassman, clothier.

## HOSPITAL ORDERS.

Major John H. Stern, Q. M. C., having reported at this hospital, is assigned to duty as Camp Supply and Transportation Officer, hereby relieving Captain Charles H. Loeber, Q. M. C.

1st Lieut. Harry S. Shamansky, M. C., is appointed Chief of Laboratory Service vice Lieutenant Edward W. Mulligan, M. C., transferred.

Captain Martillus H. Todd, M. C., is appointed member of the board of officers established by Hospital Order No. 32, Par. 3, Current Series, vice Major Wilton H. Robinson, M. C., discharged.

Capt. Shoemaker has been discharged from the service.

Major Charles P. Hutchins, M. C., has arrived from Fort Sheridan, Ill., to assume charge of the Physical Therapy department, relieving Capt. James C. Elsom, who will be discharged. Captain Elsom plans to return to the University of Wisconsin.

## HOW PERFECTLY SWEET!

Laurier, of Ward 26, while taking a medical ride, was told by one of the ladies in the car that she was a laundress and, thinking to help her, he sent her a bundle of laundry. It was returned starched and ironed and trimmed with lace and pink and blue and purple ribbons.

Sergeant Sam, of the patients' mess, doesn't mind staying here, so long as there are so many nice females hereabouts.

This has been a week of eating stunts. Hicks, a former patient who re-enlisted in the Medical Corps, ate three dozen eggs; "Chick" Shepherd, of the patients' bake shop, ate an entire bunch of bananas. Statistics relate that there are 180 bananas to a bunch.

## MOTOR CORPS

Activities of the Red Cross Motor Corps for the week ending September 11, follow:

Passengers carried, 790.  
Mileage, 4,199.  
Hours, 425.  
Errands, 60.

## LOST

Will the person who took the O. D. shirt belonging to Pvt. Claude Rowles, Ward 27, please arrange to return the fountain pen which was in one of the pockets. The pen is valued only for sentimental reasons.

Sgt. Dallas Houston, a patient at this Hospital, was summoned to his home in Bluff City, Tenn., Saturday, when he received news of the sudden death of his father, J. K. Houston. The sympathy of the Post is extended to Sergeant Houston.

## WHERE ARE THE STEWS OF YESTERYEAR?

Mrs. Natt—I can't locate my husband. I've had him paged in half a dozen hotels.

Mme. Katt—Yes, I've heard the bars are deserted these days.



OUR STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Corporal E. A. Dahlheimer

—Photo by John R. Kodak.

There isn't any place that Corporal Dahlheimer may not go. Nurses' parties, Aides' dances, Officers' reunions—he is welcome always. Everyone gives him a smile. And yet he wants to get out of the Army!

## ANNOUNCEMENT

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## Sgt. Scanlon Wins Decoration From French Eastern General

Sergeant Anthony Scanlon, Ward 22, 16th Infantry, was decorated recently with the Croix de Guerre, awarded by the Commander in Chief of the French Army in the East. The translation of the citation reads:

"Sergeant Anthony Scanlon, 16th American Infantry Regiment, (First Division):

"A very brave non-commissioned officer, although seriously wounded, he gave proof of a great courage in reorganizing his battalion under fire, the officers having been killed or seriously wounded."

The action for which Sergeant Scanlon was cited took place July 21, 1918, at Soissons.

Sergeant Scanlon has been in the Regular Army since 1898. He has fourteen months to serve, after October 1, before being retired.

### LECTURE ON RECONSTRUCTION

An interesting lecture on "Civilian Reconstruction" was given Tuesday afternoon at the Charles D. Freeman home by Mr. Heydon, of the Red Cross Institute. Lt. Col. Albee, Chief of the Surgical Service, showed, on the screen, the reconstruction of a wounded soldier from the time he enters the Hospital until he is discharged.

Old Victor Fleming  
We meet with thanks,  
He never says,  
"That's 'Bo-coo Francs.'"



FUHRER, of Ward 25,  
HAS HIS TROUBLES

—Drawn by Corp. Kirchen, Ward 11.

### O CAPTAIN! MY CAPTAIN! OUR FEARFUL TRIP IS DONE.

Sgt. Calhoun is no more. He departed this vicinity of a Saturday, the Rahway station being the scene of his leaving. He planned to leave from the up-town Colonia station but was obliged to change his plans. Colonia wasn't large enough to accommodate all the weeping New Jersey girls who came to the station.

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

#### Sunday

6:15 a. m. Mass { Chaplain Reilly  
8:30 a. m. Mass. {  
10:00 a. m. Protestant Services  
Chaplain McRae

All above services are held in  
Chapel, rear of Ward 5, connecting  
with corridor.

8:00 p. m. Evening Service in Y. M. C. A.

#### Friday

7:15 p. m. Jewish Services in Chapel

### TRENTON FAIR

The Inter-State Fair Association, of Trenton, N. J., has extended an invitation to all officers and men at this Hospital to attend the Trenton Fair, Victory Day, September 30th. The uniform will be the card of admission. The Association hopes to have a large attendance from this Hospital.

### WHO WAS POSTMASTER?

There was a notice posted on the bulletin board in Nurses' Quarters inviting all to the Officer-Patients' dance in the K. C. house, Monday night. Some one added to the notice, "Kissing games for non-dancers." And they do say that ever so many occupants of N. Q. remarked, after reading the sign, "Well, I don't dance, but I'm going to attend, anyhow."

### LIKE THE SIEGE OF COLONIA.

Jack Divine, of the Fighting 69th, sent an elegant bead chain to a lady friend. She displayed it with pride and was doing the job fine until she remarked, "Oh, and it is a real war trophy. It was made by—well, I think they call him a 'Wounded Q. M.'"

### AH, THERE'S A DIFFERENCE.

Rahway Citizen—What you doing?  
Pat Fox—Working.  
R. C.—Working?  
Fox—Well, I meant to say soldiering.

### Stand Behind a Bow-Legged One.

Sgt. Bladen—Why didn't you stay in New York for the First's parade?  
Sgt. Thomas—What's the use? All the tall guys stand on the curb.

### The Groom Had No Attendants Excepting Only Two Policemen.

Ward Surgeon—And now, Mac, that you're being discharged, I suppose you may consider your fighting days over.

Patient—I dunno, sir. I'm going to be married next month.

### "NOW, IN THE SUMMER OF '17—"

1st Soldier—See that soldier kissing his wife?

2nd Ditto—Yeh, what of it?

1st Soldier—Well, doesn't he know the draft boards have gone out of business?

### THE REAL FIGHT.

Visitor—A year ago this week all America was whispering, "Will the boys be able to win at St. Mihiel?"

Patient—Yes, and a year ago this week all us birds was shouting, "When do we eat?"

### NO FRIENDS LIKE OLD FRIENDS

Ward Worker—It must seem like old times, now that you have a new leg.

The Kid Himself—No Mum, I used to have chillblains in the old peg.

### TEMP. 105; PULSE 99.

There was a fiction-writing contest in Ward 14 and all the boys entered. It was a peaceful party until the judges came to Corporal Rooney's offering. They read, "Chester Smythe, our hero, was a tall, handsome, and wealthy buck private —"

Swat! Bang! Crash!

The litter crew did the rest.

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